

## St Croix River Alewife Passage Summary and Path Forward

### Summary:

In 1995 the Maine legislature passed a law at the request of some Maine fishing guides requiring that the state fisheries management agency close the St Croix River Grand Falls Dam to fish passage during alewife migration season in the hope that it would improve the lucrative bass tourism fisheries industry in the upstream lakes. [REDACTED]

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Efforts over 15 years to reopen the river to alewives including scientific studies and an extensive International Joint Commission (IJC) mediation effort conducted over the last few years have failed to develop a compromise for alewife reintroduction. [REDACTED]

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### Federal Option Limitations:

The Grand Falls Dam was authorized by an Act of Congress prior to FERC 's authority, therefore both the Dam and even any modifications to it are not subject to FERC licensing authority. [REDACTED]

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### Possible Path Forward:

1. [REDACTED] (b)(5)

2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

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